

June 15th, 1918.

TO THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE:

The National office of the League is now removed from 2303 Seventh Avenue, where the New York Urban League is still located, to room 1130, 300 Fifth Avenue, (the Fifth Avenue Building). James H. Hubert, formerly Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn Urban League is the new Executive Secretary of the New York Urban League—having been succeeded in Brooklyn by Mr. R. J. Klsy, formerly teacher at the James K. Brick School, Enfield, N. C.

Eugene Kinokle Jones, is now giving his whole time to the National work—having recently been spending his time in organizing new cities, such as Boston and East St. Louis, reorganizing work in St. Louis and Columbus, Ohio and securing greater efficiency and better living conditions for colored working-men and women in dozens of large industrial plants in many sections of the country. Mr. Jones addressed nearly 800 employment managers at their annual convention at Rochester and is following up the favorable impression made there by placing Negro labor advisers and welfare workers in plants employing any considerable amount of Negro labor. Hopewell, Pa., Mascot, Tenn., Buffalo, N.Y., Indianapolis, Ind., Beloit, Wis., and Canton, Ohio firms have applied for these workers—several of them already having their advisers at work.

Housing, recreational facilities, wages, family life, work efficiently and dependability are the principle matters handled in connection with the men and women by these welfare workers.

E. C. Lawrence, formerly pastor of a congregational church in Chicago and George W. Buckner, instructor in the Social Science at Tuskegee Institute, have just taken up their duties as secretaries respectively of the St. Louis and the East St. Louis work of the League. A budget of \$10,000, ~~this~~ for the year's work has been assured for these cities—the Rotary Club of East St. Louis guaranteeing \$2,000, Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, \$1,000, the Provident Association of St. Louis about \$6,200 and the balance by interested ~~East~~ Eastern friends of the National Urban League who would like to see the wrongs of East St. Louis righted.

The Detroit Urban League has just "graduated" its first Days' Workers Class of migrant women who have been given careful instruction in the rudiments of cooking, laundering and housecleaning in a model flat fitted up especially for this work. Each "graduate" was awarded a "certificate of merit" when two employers gave written testimony of satisfactory service. The Detroit organization, through its director, Forrester B. Washington, has developed a recreation program for the colored men stationed at Fort Wayne while being trained to perform all kinds of mechanical work in connection with the aviation service.

At the National Conference of Social Work recently held in Kansas City, T. Arnold Hill, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Urban League, spoke on, "Cooperation between white and colored people in Welfare Work". He also laid the foundation for a

Kansas City Urban League. The Chicago Urban League has just held a conference on Colored Juveniles Delinquency in Chicago (in view of its increase due to war influences, etc.).

The Pittsburgh Urban League through J.T. Clark, Executive Secretary has organized a weekly round-table conference of colored Employment Managers of which there are seven in Pittsburgh.

The Armstrong Association of Philadelphia has extended its school visiting work to cover six schools. Chronic absence, tardiness and misconduct are checked up in school and at the children's homes and the causes are removed. A welfare worker, Joseph H. Collins, Jr., formerly with the Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, has been placed in the shipbuilding yards at Hog Island, near Philadelphia.

A survey of the Negroes of Milwaukee, Wis., is now being made by Charles W. Johnson of the Chicago staff. The results of this study will determine whether an Urban League is to be established there.

Dr. George E. Haynes, on leave of absence from the position of Educational Secretary of the League, has been appointed Director of Negro Economics in the United States Department of Labor at Washington—this at the Urban League's instance but with the cooperation of other organizations. Dr. Haynes is planning to aid in the proper distribution and housing of labor as a war measure.

Conferences have been held at the League's instance between the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, (including Mr. Samuel Gompers) and representatives of the League, the Advancement Association, the United States War and Labor Departments, the Jeanes Fund, the Slater Fund, the Phelps Stokes Fund and Tuskegee Institute with the view of securing a better chance for the Negro in those trades and industries controlled by organized labor.

The League needs nearly \$11,000 to complete its budget. Friends are requested to secure additional subscribers and members.

Very sincerely yours,

E. K. Jones

Executive Secretary.

National League on Urban Conditions among Negroes.

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P.S.—Please send in a report of your recent accomplishments so that we may have it for our July newsletter.